

## Services Provided by the TEAMS Project

- Website that provides access to resources, information about new and innovative evaluation methodologies, and links to other relevant research for project evaluation
- An online Help-Desk for submitting technical assistance requests
- Consultation and targeted technical assistance
- Webinars targeted to specific evaluation topics
- Communities of practice
- Document review
- Instrument review and sharing
- Longitudinal data system case studies
- TEAMS evaluator meeting



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# TEAMS

## The Technical Evaluation Assistance in Mathematics and Science Project

### *Professional Learning Network*

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*Learn and Share: Challenges and Successes  
Improve Skills  
Engage in Reflective Evaluation*



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## TEAMS

### Promoting MSP Effectiveness Through Evaluation

Whether funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) or the U.S. Department of Education, project evaluation plays a vital role in every Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) project by:

- assessing the degree to which projects attain their goals and objectives;
- advancing the field by sharing lessons learned and evaluation findings; and
- improving the overall effectiveness of the project through formative evaluation.

MSP projects represent a major federal effort to support advancements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines and careers. Recognizing the vital role of evaluation in this national effort to promote STEM disciplines and careers, NSF has funded the Technical Evaluation Assistance in Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) project through the Research Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA) program.

The TEAMS project is operated by RMC Research Corporation with Dr. John Sutton, serving as Principal Investigator and Mr. Dave Weaver, serving as Co-Principal Investigator.

## TEAMS Goals and Objectives

The goal of the TEAMS project is to:

*Strengthen the quality of MSP project evaluation and build the capacity of evaluators by strengthening their skills related to evaluation design, methodology, analysis, and reporting.*

The objectives of the TEAMS project are to:

- facilitate increased opportunities for networking among evaluators;
- provide increased access to measures and instruments;
- foster increased rigor and sophistication of evaluation methodology by promoting reflective practices, and increasing emphasis on the quality of evidence used to support claims;
- foster increased understanding of evaluation design and implementation, in particular new and innovative methodologies;
- provide increased access to relevant research;
- promote the use of longitudinal data systems in MSP evaluations; and
- strengthen the role of evaluation as a means of improving project effectiveness and contributing to the knowledge of the field.



## Meeting the Needs of MSP Evaluation

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives, the TEAMS project will employ the following strategies:

- Work closely with the NSF staff to develop and implement strategies to encourage innovation and increased rigor in MSP evaluations.
- Conduct ongoing needs assessment to identify issues that pose challenges for the work of evaluators of MSP projects.
- Offer technical assistance to resolve these issues.
- Provide venues for MSP evaluators and project staff to share strategies and findings from MSP evaluations.



*Solving evaluation puzzles through TEAMS!*